



## **Cabeza de Vaca Worksheet Seventh Grade**

1. Based on your observations of the 1529 map of the New World, what did the Spaniards know about Texas geographically?

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2. How would the 1529 map be a hindrance to explorers?

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3. Read the description of Cabeza de Vaca's treatment at the hands of the Coastal Indians. What would your reaction be to the situation?

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4. Why did the Indian tribes ask Cabeza de Vaca to trade and barter for them?

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5. Cabeza de Vaca felt the life of a trader gave him advantages. What were these advantages?

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6. What was Cabeza de Vaca's principal objective in becoming a trader?

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7. What did the Coastal Indians think about Cabeza de Vaca's role as a trader?

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8. What action did Cabeza de Vaca take to help the Indian who was suffering from an arrow wound?

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9. Why was this an exceptional accomplishment?

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10. Based on the Indians reaction to the surgery, had they seen medicine of this type before? How would you have reacted?

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11. What, if any, fame did Cabeza de Vaca receive for his “cure”?

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12. Who did the Spaniards say were “lords of the land”? How should the Indians serve their “lords”?

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13. List the comparisons the Indians made between Cabeza de Vaca to his fellow Spaniards?

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14. Based on the Indians' description of Cabeza de Vaca, how would he have looked to his fellow Spaniards?

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15. Cabeza de Vaca called buffalos "cows". How did he describe their hair and meat?

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